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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL IMPORTS OF NON- FAT DRY MILK AUTHORIZED

REF: STATE 1457

1. REPRESENTATIVES OF CONCERNED EXPORTING COUNTRIES

INFORMED THAT THE PRESIDENT, ACTING UNDER THE EMERGENCY

PROVISIONS OF SECTION 22 OF THE AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ACT,

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HAS ISSUED AN EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION EFFECTIVE MAY 11 AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY OF AN ADDITIONAL 60 MILLION POUNDS OF NON- FAT DRY MILK FOR A TEMPORARY PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1973.

2. EMERGENCY ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN BECAUSE NON- FAT DRY MILK SUPPLY SITUATION HAS AGAIN BECOME CRITICAL. THE SERIOUS SUPPLY SHORTAGE OF NON- FAT DRY MILK COMMENCED TO DEVELOP LATE IN 1972 WHEN THE DECLINE IN THE PROCESSING OF NON- FAT DRY MILK DURING THE SEASONALLY LOW PRODUCTION PERIOD WAS GREATER THAN NORMAL. TO MEET THIS SITUATION AN EMERGENCY PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION WAS ISSUED AT THE END OF DECEMBER PERMITTING AN ADDITIONAL 25 MILLION POUNDS, SUPPLEMENTING THE ANNUAL QUOTA QUANTITY OF 1.8 MILLION POUNDS, TO ENTER DURING THE PERIOD BEGINNING DECEMBER 30 AND ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1973. IT HAD BEEN EXPECTED THAT THE ADDITIONAL IMPORTATIONS WOULD FILL THE GAP UNTIL NON- FAT DRY MILK PRODUCTION INCREASED SEASONALLY DURING THE SPRING MONTHS. THE EXPECTED GAINS IN PRODUCTION HAVE NOT MATERIALIZED AND CONSUMPTION HAS BEEN HIGHER THAN ANTICIPATED.

MILK PRODUCTION IS RUNNING BELOW LAST YEAR'S LEVEL AND A RELATIVELY SMALLER PROPORTION OF THE REDUCED SUPPLY IS GOING INTO BUTTER AND NON- FAT DRY MILK PRODUCTION. PRODUCER'S STOCKS HAVE REMAINED RELATIVELY UNCHANGED AND PRICES ARE WELL ABOVE THE SUPPORT LEVEL.

3. IMPORTS WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST THE 60 MILLION POUND SUPPLEMENTAL QUOTA ON A FIRST- COME FIRST- SERVED BASIS; NO IMPORT LICENSES WILL BE REQUIRED. THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT AN INDIVIDUAL IMPORTER MAY ENTER, HOWEVER, IS LIMITED TO 2.5 MILLION POUNDS. THE SUPPLEMENTAL IMPORTS WILL NOT BE ALLOCATED TO COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN BUT ARE SUBJECT TO THE CUSTOMARY UNITED STATES SANITARY REGULATIONS.

4. THE REGULAR ANNUAL IMPORT QUOTA OF 1.8 MILLION POUNDS REMAINS IN FORCE AND IS NOT MODIFIED BY ANY PROVISION OF THE EMERGENCY PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION. MOREOVER, ENTRIES UNDER THAT QUOTA CONTINUE TO BE SUBJECT TO A LICENSING REQUIREMENT.

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5. THE EMERGENCY ACTION WILL, AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 22, BE SUBJECT TO AN INVESTIGATION AND REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT BY THE UNITED STATES TARIFF COMMISSION. THE TARIFF COMMISSION PROCEEDING WILL INCLUDE A PUBLIC HEARING AT WHICH INTERESTED PARTIES MAY TESTIFY. AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE SET FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING IS EXPECTED SHORTLY.

6. US MISSIONS GENEVA AND PARIS ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM
GATT AND OECD SECRETARIATS. OTHER ADDRESSEES SHOULD
INFORM HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AS THEY DEEM APPROPRIATE.
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